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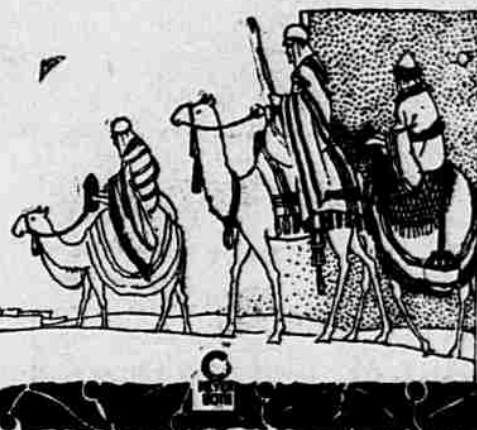
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A Merry Christmas!



CHURCHES ARE TO CELEBRATE THE NATIVITY

Christmas Story Will Be Told Tomorrow in Many Ways for the Religious Services.

ELKS' TREE ANTICIPATED

Charity Organization's Appeals Meet With Spontaneous Response—All Are Generous.

The Christmas story will be told in several different ways at special services at the various Columbia churches.

The Christian Church has already held its gift service, when "White Gifts for the King" was presented.

Tonight, Christmas Eve, Calvary Episcopal Church will follow its custom of holding a children's festival. A Christmas tree, with electric lights, will be a feature of the service, which will begin at 5 o'clock. The program includes, besides a brief service with appropriate Psalms and Scripture reading, recitations by kindergartners in the church school and the singing of Christmas carols. Three children in Miss Frances Wayne Allen's class, Frances Logan, Lancy Persons and Marjorie Berry, will give recitations. Jimmy George, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. George, will also speak a piece. Mrs. Sidney Calvert's second grade pupils will sing several carols. The distribution of gifts for the Sunday school children will conclude the exercises.

Both the Baptist and Methodist churches will hold elaborate services Christmas night. At 6 o'clock, the First Baptist Church school will present its program entitled "White Gifts for the King." With the church dimly lighted, the choir will sing from the choir room. "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," during which the children will enter and be seated. Then the whole school will sing "Joy to the World," the star will be lighted, and the only other illumination will be the lights on the trees.

The rest of the program includes the story of the Legend of Cathay, told by Miss Freda Pape, the singing of carols by the entire school, the beginners, juniors, and intermediate department, the story of the Wise Men by Joseph Haigh, and a prayer by Mrs. Everman's class. Mahel Proctor will carry a candle or basket and hold it while the beginners put in their gifts. The other departments will likewise bring presents. During the singing of the hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," the lights will go out and the cross and trees will be illuminated. The pastor, Rev. T. W. Young, will give a Christmas message. Miss Margaret Sampson will be in charge of the distribution of candy, which will conclude the exercises.

The prophecy and nativity of Christ will be presented in a pageant, "The Light of the World," to be given at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening at the Broadway Methodist Church. The third part of the pageant concerns the sending out of ambassadors into the world to teach Christianity. E. H. Newcomb is directing the pageant, in which some 125 people will take part. The costume and lighting effects will be elaborate.

A special offering for the Near East Relief will be taken up at the white Christmas service which the Presbyterian Sunday School will hold Christmas Day.

None of the churches, so far as could be learned, are planning secular entertainments for their Sunday schools during the holidays.

"Never has there been such a spontaneous response to any appeal that the Charity Organization has made as this one for supplying Columbia's needy with Christmas dinners," says Mrs. W. E. Harshbarger, chairman for the committee for sending out baskets. "Every needy family is now provided with a Christmas dinner."

There is still great need of clothing, and since the demand for food has been oversupplied the workers ask that clothing be given so that clothes can be made for the children. If this want is taken care of many of the children will be able to go to school.

Other organizations that co-operated were: Modern Woodmen of America; Boone County Coal Co., ten tons of coal; Strong's Bakery, ninety loaves of bread, which will be distributed at the Central Dairy with the milk they are supplying; the Housekeepers Study Club; and the Christian Church. Many individual bus-

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Fair tonight and Sunday; colder tonight, continued cold Sunday. Monday probably cloudy and moderating. Temperature about 6 above Sunday morning.

For Missouri: Fair tonight and Sunday; colder tonight; cold wave extreme east portion with temperature zero to 10 above; not so cold Sunday afternoon in northwest portion.

Shippers' forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature during the next 36 hours will be zero west; 10 below north; 10 above east and south.

Kets were sent by persons that never reported to the Charity Organization. Richard's Market is supplying the roasts. Hetzler's market offered, but the needs were already filled. Ten pounds of sausage were brought in from the country.

The people were very eager to learn of these families, coming to the office and telephoning all during the day to Mrs. Harshbarger.

The Elks of Columbia are going to give the poor kiddies a real Christmas tree tonight. Many little ones have been expecting and have received their invitations but there will be at least two who will enjoy the evening although their invitations will be a trifle belated.

Yesterday all the kiddies who had not received an invitation by mail were to inquire at the General Delivery Window for one held for them. Rather timidly one little girl approached and asked for her invitation. The woman at the window looked through her cards and could not find the name. Disappointment was so apparent in the little one's eyes that the clerk's eyes became misted in sympathy with the little one's sadness. She took the little girl's name and the child left half in tears and half hoping that that might mean an invitation.

Later in the day a manly little fellow walked up to the window, took off his hat and asked for his card. His card also was not there and as the clerk turned with a sympathetic smile to explain to him, he smiled manfully back, trying hard to hide the pitifully apparent disappointment. He was about to walk off when he was asked to leave his name and address. His face brightened; he gave his address, bowed and walked off as politely a little man as ever the Elks entertained.

Neither these two nor the several other little kiddies who were disappointed shall be absent tonight for their cards will be mailed to them today.

The Columbia Odd Fellows will follow their established custom of providing serviceable gifts for the poor of the city. They will give clothing to all whom they can, working independently of the Charity Organization. Besides, they will distribute rabbits caught on a hunt Friday night, to poor families in town.

The clothing and rabbits will be distributed in cars Christmas day, and it is expected that about a hundred families will be visited.

In response to the call sent out by Mrs. W. E. Harshbarger of the local charity organization, for Columbians to awaken to the true Yuletide spirit, the Modern Woodmen of America asked what they could do and were given a large family for whom to provide Christmas cheer. Provisions for the holiday and presents were delivered by members of the lodge this afternoon. In addition, the lodge also gave a Columbia widow \$25.

Interviews with several of the larger employers of the city indicate that few will give Christmas presents to their employees as in previous years. Many say that economic conditions are such that it is necessary to be more conservative this season than in former years.

Several of the Columbia banks have stated the questions of presents for employees would be taken up when the directors of the bank met. Hetzler's Meat Packing Company will remember its employees this Christmas. W. J. Hetzler said yesterday. The company is also giving meat as a Christmas present to all the poor and needy of the city who will come to the store for it.

To Bury Mrs. Crenshaw Tomorrow.

Mrs. Sarah E. Crenshaw died at the home of her son, Elmer, in Ashland yesterday morning. She was 66 years of age. Funeral services will be conducted at the Salem Church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock by the Rev. C. C. Hatch. Mrs. Crenshaw is survived by three children, E. P. Crenshaw of Ashland; Mrs. Lawrence Sapp, Kansas City, Kan.; and Mrs. Rollin Forbis, Huntsdale.

Egyptians Attack Government.

CAIRO, Dec. 24.—A mob attacked the British government offices at Giza, a suburb of Cairo, today. British troops were rushed to the scene.

GERMANY MAY BE INCLUDED IN NEW PACT

Report Says New 4-Power Treaty Planned to Remove Possibility of German Invasion.

U. S. NOT ONE OF SIGNERS

America to Lend Moral Support to Any Move for Peace and Tranquility in Europe.

By DAVID LAWRENCE (Copyright, 1921.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Word has reached here through unofficial channels of a movement under way in Europe to bring about a new four-power treaty whereby Great Britain, France, Italy and Germany should agree to guarantee each other's territory against "unprovoked aggression" by any other power.

This plan, which curiously enough owes its inspiration to French diplomacy, seeks a way to remove the bugbear of a possible invasion by Germany which has been held forth as justification for the continued existence of large standing armies on the continent of Europe. Broadly speaking, the French Liberals who are back of the plan, believe the time has come to bring Germany into a combination with the other powers which will tranquilize Europe and aid its economic recuperation.

In one sense, the plan recognizes the unwisdom of the enforcement clauses of the Versailles treaty with its recurring penalties of occupation of German territory in the event of German failure to pay indemnities. The idea now is to obtain some unanimity of opinion among the larger powers of Europe so that the reparations burden may be more equally adjusted and so that Germany herself will adopt a new spirit toward her obligations under the Versailles pact.

The United States government will of course not be a party to such a new treaty in Europe as it is the viewpoint of the Harding administration that guarantees against aggression on the continent of Europe are strictly European matters.

On the other hand, the American government would lend its moral support to any movement which accomplished peace in Europe. The suggestion of a four-power pact including Germany was first discussed informally when Premier Briand was in Washington. Heretofore alliances have been made only between friendly powers as an offset to possible attacks by unfriendly nations. The making of a four-power pact between Great Britain, France, the United States and Japan, however, offers a precedent because it includes the very country—Japan—which so many American and Japanese writers have been regarding as the potential opponent of the United States.

Mr. Harding has informally indicated that before long the European powers would have to include Germany in their discussions of European questions and that until Germany sat down at the same table with France and Great Britain there would be no assurance of a settlement of pending problems, especially reparations.

In the conferences which have been going on in London, the French viewpoint has been that until Great Britain gave France explicit guarantees that she would come to the aid of France in the event of an attack by Germany, there could be no curtailment of French land armament or concessions to Germany. The British have declared that the withdrawal of French troops from the Rhine country would help to assure peace in Europe.

The situation is therefore somewhat analogous to that which prompted the four-power pact on the Pacific. In this case the French having failed to get a three-power pact with Great Britain and the United States guaranteeing France against unprovoked aggression, the alternative is to obtain such a guarantee for France by coupling it up with a German guarantee, too.

French Liberals who favor the plan see no reason why their own government should object to it since to refuse to give a pledge that would guarantee Germany against attack by France might imply an ultimate intention to do so on the part of the French imperialists. Great Britain would of course be willing to guarantee that she will not attack Germany and the latter would be bound to keep the peace for automatically she would incur the

NO PAPER MONDAY.

Christmas falling on Sunday this year, the Columbia Evening Missourian will observe the holiday on Monday. No paper will be issued on that day.

hostility of Italy, France and Great Britain if she attempted "unprovoked aggression."

It is indeed an attempt to produce a status such as might have prevented the outbreak of war in 1914 for it is still being said that Germany would never have gone to war if she had been sure that England would help France and Belgium. Incidentally, the mutual guarantees would include Belgium and assure her of neutrality and independence if the plan is finally approved.

Official Washington is keenly interested in the conversations going on in Europe with reference to the new four-power pact and it is expected that after the supreme council meets in Cannes some definite idea of this scheme or an alternative having the same object will be disclosed.

CUT OF 60,000 TONS PROPOSED

If France Prevents Agreement England May Build Super Fleet.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—If France prevents the agreement on submarine tonnage, England will reserve the right to build up a tremendous anti-submarine force. This notice stood out when the naval disarmament committee gathered, hoping to end before Christmas the "debate" on the submarine question.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary of State Hughes proposed to the disarmament committee today that America and England cut their submarine fleet to a total of sixty thousand tons, leaving Japan, France and Italy their existing submarine strength.

LEGION OF HONOR CROSS GIVEN COLUMBIA WOMAN

Miss Emma Cushman, Missionary and War Worker in Turkey, Awarded High Honors.

Miss Emma D. Cushman, of New York City, formerly of Columbia, Mo., has been decorated with the French Cross of the Legion of Honor for her services among the Allied prisoners of Konja, Turkey, during the war, according to a cable received a few days ago by the Near East Relief from Constantinople.

She was one of two missionaries honored. The identity of the other is not revealed in the cable, which states that the decoration was presented to Miss Cushman by General Pelle, French high commissioner in Constantinople.

Miss Cushman, who is now director of the Near East Relief Trachoma Hospital in Constantinople, several weeks ago received the Gold Cross of Jerusalem from the acting patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church for her work among the Armenian and Greek refugees in Asia Minor.

During the war Miss Cushman, who had spent many years as a nurse and missionary in Turkey, served as consular representative for all the Allied powers in Konja, where thousands of Allied prisoners were concentrated. When the United States opened hostilities she secured the appointment as the representative of Holland in order that she might stay and continue her work.

She also had charge of American relief activities among the Armenian refugees who were driven from their homes during the war. After the armistice she superintended their repatriation. She was one of a committee of three appointed by the council of the League of Nations to report to that body on wartime deportations.

K. C. HOME FULL NEXT TERM

Only 8 Vacancies From Last Term—More Applicants Than Rooms.

All available rooms at the Knights of Columbus Student Home have been reserved for the winter term and a large number of applications have been made which the management was unable to fill.

At the end of the fall term nearly eight rooms were left vacant and practically all of them were spoken for before the close of the term.

SERVICES FOR R. H. JESSE TO BE JANUARY 2

Will Mark Formal Changing of Name of Academic Hall to Jesse Hall in His Honor.

TO OPEN WINTER TERM

H. J. Waters, Guy Thompson, W. H. Black and Dr. Jones Will Make Addresses—Special Music.

In accordance with the recent action of the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri, the name of Academic Hall will be formally changed to Richard Henry Jesse Hall in honor of R. H. Jesse, former president of the University. The memorial service for the former president will be held at 10 o'clock Monday morning, January 2. This exercise will be the opening convocation for the winter term.

The University band will open the program with a number of selections and the invocation will be given by W. O. Shewmaker, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Music will also be furnished by the University string quartet.

The first address to be given in the services of Richard Henry Jesse as president of the University of Missouri from 1891 to 1898, will be delivered by Guy A. Thompson from the standpoint of a former student. Thompson was graduated from the University in 1898.

H. J. Walters, editor of the Weekly Kansas City Star, will speak from the standpoint of a former member of the faculty.

An address from the standpoint of a colleague in educational work will be given by William H. Black, president of Missouri Valley College.

J. C. Jones, acting president of the University, will make a speech dedicating Richard Henry Jesse Hall and after another selection from the University band, Dr. W. O. Shewmaker will offer the benediction.

The program in full follows: Music, University Band. Invocation, W. O. Shewmaker, Pastor, Presbyterian Church. Music, University String Quartet. The services of Richard Henry Jesse as President of the University, 1891-1898.

Address—From the standpoint of a former student, Guy A. Thompson, class of 1898.

Address—From the standpoint of a former member of the faculty, H. J. Walters, Editor, Kansas City Weekly Star.

Address—From the standpoint of a colleague in educational work, Wm. H. Black, President, Missouri Valley College.

Music, University String Quartet. Dedication of Richard Henry Jesse Hall.

Address, J. C. Jones Acting President of the University.

Music, University Band. Benediction, W. O. Shewmaker.

DEBS GETS OUT TOMORROW

Several Other Political Prisoners Will Also Be Released.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Official orders to release Debs and two or three other political prisoners from the federal prison left the Department of Justice this morning, according to James Finch, pardon attorney. The definite decision was reached at a conference between President Harding and Attorney-General Daugherty not to release any war prisoners until tomorrow.

STATE VETERINARIAN RESIGNS

D. F. Luckey, in Office 20 Years, to Quit January 1.

By United Press.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 24.—D. F. Luckey state veterinarian for the last twenty years has resigned from that office. Mr. Luckey will be relieved of his present position after January 1. He was the father of most of the state's live stock laws.

Martin Released on \$500 Bond.

Ralph Martin, who was given preliminary hearing before Justice Bicknell yesterday afternoon on a charge of stealing household goods in Ashland, was released on \$500 bail late yesterday afternoon. Frank Pape of 603 West Broadway signed Martin's bond. Morris Nichols was released because there was no evidence against him.

Christmas Legends Are Medley of Christian and Pagan Beliefs

Christmas, the climax of holidays, which brings the spirit of brightness and cheer began to be universally celebrated about the second century A. D. It has been said by historians that Christmas celebrations, established to commemorate the birth of Christ, are probably related to the almost universal pagan custom of sun worship.

December 25 is in all probability not the date of Christ's birth, but this date was not set arbitrarily. It was on this date that the Romans celebrated their Saturnalia, the birth of the new sun, and in this feast the transition to the Christian point of view easily presented itself. It was found to be easier to get pagans to accept Christianity by allowing them to incorporate some of their pagan customs in the worship.

With the coming of Christianity the customs of sun worship were retained and practiced in connection with the Christmas celebration. Christmas grew to be an especially important festival among Germanic and Anglo-Saxon peoples. One of the Druidical rites which has survived in England to the present day is the burning of the Yule log and "Yule" is still used in Scotland for Christmas.

A superstition which grew up about Christmas was that anyone turning a mattress on that day would surely die within the year. However it was considered praiseworthy to bake bread on Christmas Eve, and it was believed that loaves baked on that day would never mold. One custom which is as old as Christmas itself is that of singing Christmas carols. The bishops in England used to sing them among their clergy. Some of these songs were gradually changed and polished and we use them today as hymns. It was an old English custom for the church clerk at the end of the Christmas service, in a very loud voice to wish the entire congregation a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There is a beautiful legend about the first Christmas tree. The story goes that in a dense forest in Germany, the sacred fire was kindled at the altar near the Thunder Oak. Ranks of white clad warriors, women and children stood silently waiting for the High Priest to strike with his hammer the kneeling child, who was to be offered as a sacrifice to the god Thor. But as the hammer

was about to descend, St. Boniface turned the blow aside with the cross. "Here," said the apostle, as his eyes fell on a young fir tree standing straight and with its top pointing toward the stars, "is the living tree with no stain of blood upon it. This shall be the sign of your new worship. See how it points to the sky. Take it up and carry it to the chieftain's hall, for this is the birthday of the white Christ. You shall go no more into the shadows of the forest to keep your feasts with secret rites of shame. You shall keep them at home with laughter and song and rites of love."

It was a tradition all over Europe, that at 1 o'clock Christmas morning, all the cattle turned their heads eastward and knelt to worship the king corn in a stable. It is still thought that on Christmas day the cocks crow oftener and louder and the bees are thought to sing all night.

The Puritans sought to abolish the Christmas festivities both in Old England and in New England, but love of Christmas was too firmly implanted in the hearts of the people, and in a modified form and in secret, the Christmas celebration continued. With the restoration of the Stuart kings Christmas was restored in England, to its early glory.

In Sweden a pole is erected in the middle of each dooryard. To the top of it is fastened a large fall sheaf of grain which is for the wild birds' Christmas dinner. No peasant will sit down to his own dinner till he has raised aloft a Christmas dinner for the birds.

There is a wide difference in the celebration of Christmas, even in the United States. The English, Dutch and German influences in our history may be traced in the variations of the Christmas festival. The tendency in the New England states has been toward a religious interpretation, while from the English peoples of the South the ideal has been more of a boisterous spirit. In some parts of the United States the Christmas celebration is not unlike the old-time Fourth of July celebration with its noise and fireworks.

A rather beautiful tradition in that persons who die on Christmas day are certain of immediate and eternal happiness. But our matter-of-fact times, manners and thinking are rapidly driving away all these pleasant illusions unless nations as well as individuals have reason sometimes to sigh to be children again.

INSURANCE RULE AMENDED

Ex-Soldiers Have Five Years to Reinstate Policies.

Regulations of the United States Veterans' Bureau limiting the time for reinstatement of war risk insurance for ex-service men to December 31 of this year have been amended, effective January 2, 1922, so that men who have allowed their policies to lapse may reinstate them at any time before March 4, 1926, according to a field letter from the headquarters of the United States Veterans' Bureau at Washington, D. C., which has just been received by J. H. Jeans, coordinator of the bureau in Columbia.

This extension makes the reinstatement of the policies possible within five years after peace was declared. The date of the declaration of peace was March 3, 1921. According to Mr. Jeans, the campaign which is going on in Columbia for ex-service men to reinstate their policies and which is, under the original plan, to close December 31 of this year will also be extended accordingly.

NINE KILLED IN CYCLONE

Clarksville, Kan., Is Practically Wiped Out by Gale.

EARL, Kan., Dec. 24.—Eight negroes and one white man were killed by a cyclone which practically wiped out Clarksville, according to a dispatch received here. Relief workers from surrounding towns were carrying the injured and searching the ruins for bodies.

Annual Report Out Soon.

The annual report of the University Library will be compiled at the end of this month, according to H. O. Severance, librarian, and statistics will probably be available the following week.

The University library has just received 240 dissertations from Marburg, Germany.

Harris' Hearing to Be Dec. 30.

Frank Harris, negro, charged with attempted assault on Eula Estes, a 13-year-old negro girl, was arraigned before Justice Bicknell this morning, and was held for preliminary hearing on \$1,000 bail. The hearing was set for December 30.

TWO INJURED IN ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY ICE

Will Lowry, 1214 Locust, Fractures Hip—D. W. B. Kurtz, Sr., 716 Fay Street, Also Hurt.

LOWRY IS IN HOSPITAL

Long Distance Phone Connections Hampered by Storm—No Serious Auto Accidents Here.

Two falls on icy walks resulting in injuries to Will Lowry of 1214 Locust street and D. W. B. Kurtz, Sr., of 716 Fay street, and several minor automobile accidents were reported here today.

Mr. Will Lowry of 1214 East Locust street suffered a fractured hip today when he slipped and fell in the yard of his home. He was taken to Boone County Hospital.

Mrs. Lowry was preparing lunch when she heard Mr. Lowry calling. She looked out and found him lying near the steps of the back porch, unable to get up. It was some time before neighbors and passersby could get him into the house and under a physician's care.

Mrs. James R. Marsh and Mrs. Ethel Peeler of 1120 East Locust street, relatives who were just starting to the station to catch a train to St. Louis, were called back and will remain with Mrs. Lowry.

Daniel Webster Boone Kurtz, Sr., 716 Fay street, fell on the ice Thursday afternoon and sprained the ligaments in his hip. Although the injury is not considered serious Mr. Kurtz is confined to his bed.

Mr. Kurtz is 85 years old and was an instructor in the University of Missouri when E. W. Stephens was a student at Missouri. He has eight sons all of whom attended the University and one of whom has received five degrees.

No serious automobile accidents have occurred in Columbia during slippery, icy weather, according to statements made by several garages in town. Minor breakdowns such as broken wheels and tire punctures have been numerous among automobile drivers and are keeping the auto repair men well occupied.

Long distance telephone connection was much hampered by the storm today. Columbia was cut off entirely from St. Louis by telephone, but Western Union wires remained intact. At the Columbia Telephone Co. it was learned that the telephone lines along the river were badly crossed up. Practically the only places with which Columbia could talk today were Sedalia and Mexico and occasionally Booneville, the information operator said. But the wires were not dependable even for so short a distance as Booneville.

Telephone men were working on the broken-down lines all morning and it was hoped to establish connections with St. Louis later today.

Conductors on the Wabash railroad are complaining that sheets have caused the wires in the neighborhood of St. Charles to break and consequently cause much trouble for the trains passing through that place. The ice at St. Charles was described by one conductor to be at least twice as thick as it is here.

LETTER MAIL IS HEAVY

Rush on Christmas Packages Has Slacked a Bit.

The rush on the package mail in the Columbia postoffice has let up considerably but the letter mail is now extraordinarily heavy, due to the number of greetings sent at this time of the holiday rush.

Though the incoming package mail is still heavy, the outgoing number of packages has considerably decreased and all available help is being used on the incoming letter mail.

All regular carriers are heavily loaded with this letter mail and all available substitutes are used. The fact that three clerks are off on sick leave makes the work in the office extraordinarily heavy and taxes the organization to its utmost according to Postmaster Woods.

Marriage Licenses.

John Archie Taylor of McBaine and Miss Tena Pearl Hall of Columbia. James Lewis Sims of Hartsburg and Miss Mildred E. White of Sturgeon. Leonard Searcy White and Miss Ola Pearl Hazell, both of Columbia. The parents of White and Miss Hazell gave their consent to the marriage, both being under age.